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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DANISH BUTTER  
COOKIE EXPORTS

REF: EC A-425

1.THE MISSION RECEIVED A LETTER,DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1976,  
FROM CONGRESSMAN RICHARD A.ROE (8TH DISTRICT,NEW JERSEY)  
REQUESTING MISSION ASSISTANCE RE A COMPLAINT BY ONE OF HIS  
CONSTITUENTS (MR.WILLIAM CROTHERS,VICE PRESIDENT,DEER  
PARK BAKING CO.,HAMMONTON ,N.J.) ABOUT DANISH BUTTER COOKIE EXPORTS  
TO THE U.S SPECIFICALLY,MR.CROTHERS ALLEGES THAT THE BUTTER  
USED BY THE DANES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF THIS PRODUCT IS  
SUBSIDIZED.

2.BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION OF EC REGULATIONS,WE HAVE ADVISED  
CONGRESSMAN ROE (IN A LETTER SENT DECEMBER 10, 1976) THAT  
DANISH COOLIE MANUFACTURERS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE  
BUTTER AT REDUCED PRICES UNDER COMMISSION REGULATION NO.  
232/75(OFFICIAL JOURNAL NO.L 24 OF 1/31/75).THIS REGULATION  
PROVIDES FOR THE SALE BY TENDER OF BUTTER HELD IN INTER-  
VENTION STOCKS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD FOR USE IN PASTRY MANUFACTURE.  
THE AVERAGE SALES PRICE OF BUTTER SOLD UNDER THIS PROGRAM WAS  
97 U.A./100 KG.IN 1975 (REFAIR)AND IS ESTIMATED BY THE  
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COMMISSION AT ABOUT 88 U.A./100 KG.IN 1976.THE EC SUPPORT

PRICE FOR BUTTER IS CURRENTLY 223.80 U.A./100 KG.

3. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED CONGRESSMAN ROE THAT DANISH EXPORTS OF BUTTER COOLIES WOULD APPEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EC EXPORT "REFUNDS" BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN BASIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (E.G., BUTTER, NFD, SUGAR, WHEAT FLOUR) USED IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS. BASIC EC RULES GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH "REFUNDS" WERE LAID DOWN BY COUNCIL REGULATION NO. 2682/72 (OFFICIAL JOURNAL NO. L 289 OF 12/27/72). THE REFUNDS NOW APPLICABLE TO DAIRY PRODUCTS, SUGAR, AND WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTED IN THE FORM OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WERE SET BY COMMISSION REGULATIONS NO. 2882/76, 2883/76 AND 2884/76 (OFFICIAL JOURNAL L 331 OF 11/30/76). THE EXPORT "REFUND" ON BUTTER WOULD NOT APPLY, HOWEVER, FOR PRODUCTS CONTAINING BUTTER PURCHASED AT REDUCED PRICES UNDER REGULATION NO. 232/75. THUS, DANISH COOLIE EXPORTS COULD NOT BENEFIT FROM BOTH OF THESE BUTTER PROGRAMS.

4. COPIES OF THE CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN SENT TO AMBASSADOR YEUTTER, STR AMBASSADOR DAN, COPENHAGEN; MR. ALBRECHT, STATE; MR. SUCHMAN, TREASURY; MR. FRASER, FAS/USDA. HINTON

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